(c) to (e) The radium stock has been frozen.

Collecting of reliable data from various sources

3164. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present method adopted by the Planning Commission for collecting data from various sources;

(b) whether it is a fact that in the absence of reliable and relevant data most of he economic programmes are not successful; and

(c) if so, what remedial steps are being taken by the Commission to base the programmes on reliable data?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The Planning Commission is not the primary source agency for collection of data. It collects data from development plan proposals and progress reports submitted by Central Ministries, State Governments and other agencies in the formats prescribed by the Commission as well as from notes, proposals, review meetings, minutes, etc. received from the above agencies. Data are also collected from reports of Committees, Parliament proceedings, published documents and through field visits, discussions and informal contacts with Ministries and other Government agencies.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Pending cases of compensation for trucks burnt in Delhi riots

3165. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred question 2765 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 1985 and state:

(a) what are the names and addresses of those among the pending cases of 167 truck owners of Delhi whose claims for compensation for their trucks burnt/damaged during the November, 1984 riots have been disposed of;

(b) the names of those claimants whose cases are still pending disposal and by when these are likely to be cleared;

(c) what are the names of those claimants who had taken only third party insurance covers and had lodged reports with police regarding burning of/damage to their trucks in the riots;

(d) whether claims of such persons are also being considered for compensation; if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government propose to provide any relief to such persons to alleviate their sufferings caused by the loss of their source of income; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) All the 167 cases have since been disposed of. A list of the claimants with their addresses as has been made available by the Delhi Administration is attached as annexure. [*See* Appendix CXXXVI, Annuxure No 68].

(b) No cases from out of the 167 cases are now pending disposal.

(c) and (d) The cases of owners of trucks who had taken only third party insurance cover and had lodged reports with police regarding burning of damage to their trucks in the riots are not covered under the scheme of compensation sanctioned. This is so because third party insurance does not entitle the insured to any insurance benefits but is a compulsory measure under the provisions of Motor Vehicles Act meant for providing protection to either party.

(e) Such persons are entitled to the grant of bank loans at concessional rates.

Withholding annual increments of Assistants for not qualifying type test

3166. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Government departments have made it a condition precedent to qualify typing test for permitting annual increments to Assistants though no such qualifications are prescribed at the time of their recruitment or selection;

(b) if so, what are the names of such departments and subordinate offices;

(c) whether Government propose to issue guidelines to all Government departments and subordinate offices to give proficiency bonus to those who learn typing in place of withholding the increments of those who cannot learn it; and

(d) what are the details of the relevant rules in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a), (b) and (d) A combined all-India Assistants' Grade Examination is held annually by the Union Public Service Commission for recruitment of Assistants in the Central Government Departments, namely:

(1) Grade IV (Assistants) of General Category of the Indian Foreign Service (B);

(2) Assistants' Grade of the Railway Board Secretariat Service

(3) Assistants' Grade of the Central Secretariat Service;

(4) Assistants' Grade of the Armed Forces Headquarters Civil Service; and

(5) Posts of Assistants in other Departments/Organisations and Attached Offices of the Government of India not participating in IFS(B)/ Railway Board Secretariat Service/ Central Secretariat Service/Armed Forces Headquarters Civil Service.

The Rules for each Examination held annually are published in the Gazette of India for general information. The following provision is specifically included in these Rules:

"Candidates will be required to pass a test in typewriting at a minimum speed of 30 words per minute in English or 25 words per minute in Hindi within a period of two years from the date of appointment to the Assistants' Grade. In the event of their failure to pass the test within he prescribed period they shall not be entitled to draw any further increments in the Assistants' Grade until they